The effrontery and unmitigated false-

We find in the "Exotic" of January 10th, under the caption of "One Blood," perhaps the most unmitigated falsehood of the season, coupled with a citation would have put to the blush the false-

Says this miserable traitor to truth and his section, concerning the Mem-

"The Southern General Assembly havcolor disqualifies for the office of Ruling Elder or Minister of the Church of God in the South; and many persons being much put to, to justify their conduct and ings towards negroes; and some hav ing been driven into the heresy of diversity of races: and others having declared negroes to be not only of a different origin and race from us, but without souls: and such people being inclined not to regard any thing they dislike, which is aid by any other than by pro-slavery rebels, I beg to introduc the following passage from the fast day sermon of Rev. J. H. Thornwell, D. D., preached in Co-

lumbia, S. C., Nov. 21, 1860. the statement, has evidently been led into it by the falsehoods of the "Exotic," nizes the fact, that the gospel can make no distinction of race or blood.

That we have not characterized too strongly the statement above cited, will be plain to the comprehension of a child, from a comparison of this report of the Assembly's opinion, and the follow- word are invested with the right to

of society and from providential causes Session or Presbytery shall find a colored person who shall possess suitable qualifications, they are authorized to license him to labor as an exhorter among the colored people under the Sessions of the body appointing him.

And what makes the falsehood of this from Dr. Thornwell:

The question now arises, Have we, as prehend that in some cases we have given occasion to the calumnies of our adversaries, by putting the defence of slavery upon grounds which make the slave a different kind of being from his master?

Depend upon it, it is no light matter to word, being the final ground of it. deny the common brotherhood of huthe diversity of races are aware of.

If the African is not of the same blood with ourselves, he has no lot nor part in the Gospel. The redemption of Jesus Himself. The ground of His right to rebut of a common nature. Had the humanity of Jesus been miraculously created apart from connection with the huimpart to us his saving grace. No Christian man, therefore, can give any countenance to speculations which trace the

negro to any other parent but Adam. fend slavery upon the plea that the African is not of the same stock with ourselves, are aiming a fatal blow at the institution, by bringing it into conflict with the dearest doctrines of the gospel. o arm the religious sentiment against of authority exerted. I therefore take it, kind can be saved, we want something more than deductions from doubtful of mercy upon any portion of the race.

met with him the friendly greeting, Art health, my brother? and stabbed him ander the fifth rib. I am happy to say that speculations have not sprung from the diversity of species upon slave-

from the great Dr. Thornwell, which, if the writer had the sense to see it, us, and entrusted to our guardianship and hood which is paraded at the head of care. Let us receive them as bone of our amplest powers belonging to a church

ing virtually decided that the African en thus to the necesity of false witnesses participation of authority by them; it is

refer to the fact brought out in the com- tent, without warrant, and without delemittee's report of the Synod at Hender- gation; a kind of government equally son, that the body claiming to be the word of God. Synod of Kentucky which met at Lex-Now, every intelligent Presbyterian ington is a body made up in large part was made for the church, not the church who has read the discussions of the if not in chief of ministers without pas-Memphis Assembly for himself, cannot toral charge-or as more popularly debut be aware that every assertion of this signated "Dead Heads." That therefore but preachers and elders are alike, and a slave; attached, and sold to satisfy a stroy. These things being of course the ests of man were in peril. It poured a paragraph is an unmitigated falsehood- they really represent nobody, and in (it is no use to mince terms with such strict application of the principles of men.) The Southern Assembly never Presbyterianism would have no right to decided any such thing, but exactly the rule as members of church courts. If contrary! Nor did Southern Presbyteri- any one has been of the impression that ans or Southern Christians ever say this theory has been devised as Dr. Hodge any such thing as is here attributed to so charitably says of his Southern and them. The poor creature who makes Border State brethren-"to serve a purpose," they will find on examination, instead of lords over the consciences of that gift for many years. A friend drew sions, and as opposite to the gospel of word, almost every pulpit in the land pastor of the Church, has no connection that it has been urged long before the God's people, their great and paramount the attention of this writer to some pieces Christ our Saviour, as anything could resounded with the cry "Down with the with it, such as our Standards provide resounded with the cry "Down with the world the of Louisville, and they led into the false- times of the present controversy. In his function being to teach the world the be. It was nevertheless extremely pop- rebellion! To arms! to arms!' Thouhood by the New York Observer before great speech before the Synod of Philthem. For any intelligent man must adelphia in October 1843, entitled "Presperceive that the action of the Southern byterian Government not a hierarchy and divided authority, which the repre- the preacher was urgently patriotism," rushed to the field of battle. Assembly, directly and explicitly recog- but a Commonwealth"-Dr. R. J. Breckenridge as will be seen from the follow- name, exercise over them? ing extracts makes sad havoc among the principles on which the present bogus Presbyteries and Synod of Kentucky themselves, participating in all their

extract from what the Assembly did preach and administer ordinances that they are invested with the power of 5. Resolved, That whilst nothing in our rule; but it is because they are ordained and who presume to exercise the powers standards or in the word of God prohibits church rulers as well as church teachers, of government over ministers, elders, to be understood as admitting that these of only qualified persons of any race, yet diction. Preacher and Ruler are the more than a purely nominal relation? and to the extent which we see reported. difficulty arises in the general structure furthest possible from being synonymous plication in the Church of this abstract onymous, as the Scriptures every where from each other—One is a hierarchy sembly recommends that wherever a of the word exercise spiritual jurisdichood. For compare the foregoing state- No man has the right to rule as minis-

have been our Redeemer. He must be and by no means as an inherent power; able to call us brethren before He can and again, that its whole force is spent houses, and fields, and vineyards would upon those only who are voluntarily the be possessed again in the land of Israel. If he is not descended from Adam, he The light of nature and the word of God is not a free commonwealth established has not the same flesh and blood with alike teach us, that such powers can of God, but is a hierarchy-which my Jesus and is therefore excluded from the never be exercised except by officers soul abhors; and I will meekly, I trust, ossibility of salvation. Those who de- bearing a double relation to God and to but yet resolutely deny that the Synod utsent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them—assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with them assent of God's people, that every spiritual great men who conspire with the great men who consp

is, whether a large portion of man table, that according to our Constitution, against their loud and unanimous cry. and according to the general principles phenomena. Nothing but the Word of Reformed church in her purest day—
for our sins, adjudge for a hierarchy and against a commonwealth; and while The science, falsely so called, which profes its aid upon such conditions, is such the science at the adoption of the proper deed, the Religious appears, at times, to gion, secured the adoption of the proper deed, the Religious appears, at times, to gion, secured the adoption of the proper deed, the Religious appears, at times, to gion, secured the adoption of the proper deed, the Religious appears, at times, to gion, secured the adoption of the proper deed, the Religious appears, at times, to gion, secured the adoption of the proper deed, the Religious appears, at times, to gion, secured the adoption of the proper deed, the Religious appears, at times, to gion, secured the adoption of the proper deed, the Religious appears, at times, to gion, secured the adoption of the proper deed, the Religious appears, at times, to gion, secured the adoption of the proper deed, the Religious appears, at times, to gion, secured the adoption of the proper deed, the Religious appears, at times, to gion, secured the adoption of the proper deed, the Religious appears, at times, to gion, secured the adoption of the proper deed, the Religious appears, at times, to gion, secured the adoption of the proper deed, the Religious appears, at times, to gion, secured the adoption of the proper deed, the respective to the proper deed, the p fers its aid upon such conditions, is such tue of their office as ministers; but in a venerable court, I will set my poor name people, the vanquished South, a gallant be subordinate. But it is certain that course. The "Government" employed Pope quit Rome. In his address, a few slavery as Joab to Amasa, who him the friendly greatly against its adjudication, and let posteriand against its adjudication against its adjudication against its adjudication. right entitled even to appear in them as ty decide betwixt us. They were not invented to jus. make up the Presbytery: Whatever force "Ordination not a Charm" &c. They are the offsprings of infidel- may be derived from a contrary practice a part of the process by which science in our church, allowing ministers as such, en endeavoring to convict Christion of falsehood; and it is idle to falseh falsehood; and it is idle to mere fact of that practice; and that far, a witty Scotch advocate, to read a bomthe responsibility of the doctrine in the past and existing condition of the bastic book on a good subject, saying, s, as to load them with the guilt of church, might appeal to the sound dis- "Don't you like to expatiate in that

ence upon the records of our faith, and tolerating such a practice, proceeds on both have found their warmest advocates | the assumption that such ministers are among the opponents of slavery. Our offence has been, that in some instances we have accepted and converted into a plea, the conclusions of this vain deceit.

The assumption that such ministers at the assumption that such clea, the conclusions of this vain deceit. forced by a fatal act of the Assembly, the people generally in good circumno handle against us; above all, that we which not only places every minister brethren whom he has scattered among nanted calling in full possession of the religious den bone and sh of our flesh. Let us recognize them is having the same Father, the right, that men of this description are same Redeemer, and the same everlasting more inherently church rulers, than New School those whose sole duty it is to rule, and lies. If Caiaphas and the Chief Priests that they may rule independently of them did not appre among our apostate brethren are driv, and if need be to the exclusion of all en thus to the necesity of false witnesses participation of authority by them, it is against the Southern Church, should high time to receive to first principles, mentioned, are all rup, in the interests the preacher's loyalty were given to unatrocious rebellion." The General Asthey not have sense enough, if they true and serintural basis. Thus contrue and scriptural basis. Thus con- learn, are all the churches in the region. observed. England had covertly favored gave instruction and advice to the "Govagree not together, yet at least not to sidered, nothing is more clear, than that The minister of the Baptist church, it the rebellious South, and she had now ernment." In concert with all other recite the contradiction of their own the rule of the whole church is lawfully appears did not the rule of the whole church is lawfully appears did not the rule of the whole church is lawfully appears did not the reds his garments," and cries her own troubles (Penianism.) There branches of the Religious department, in holy horror, "passing strange!" In Dr. R. J. Breckinridge on "Dead Heads." the contrary is to contend for a govern- was however carried along with the cur-We have frequently had occasion to ment which is irresponsible, incompe-

for it-its officers given to the spouse of the Lamb, not placed as lords over her. The church courts are not the church; are only a ministry—a body of servants debt in past years. But that is neither judgments of the Almighty on all who torrent of curses on the rebels. It call to, had "simply left the Church." given by the ascending Saviour to the body of his redeemed. Shall the ministers of the word become a close corporation, self-perpetuated-and in effect irresponsible-connected with the church that has been done in Church and State. ence which the drift of the discourse greater number having been reserved only by an undefined dominion over it-not being, if we dare credit the last Assembly, even members of it? Or shall they continue to be helpers of the joy religion of Jesus, and their less important office to join with those whose special duty it is to rule, in the gentle sphere of the Church, and the duties of repeated at another church, and I un- loyal gospel, and fired by "Christian ex officio a member of the Session, and sentatives of Christ's people, in Christ's forget all that, and by editing a rather

Are our congregations to look for direction to Presbyteries composed of teaching and ruling elders selected by It is not because our ministers of the ly acquainted with their whole estate? taken; but at the same time exerted himters without charge, who, it may be, seen in any other order of men, to prohave forsaken their covenanted calling, duce revivals of religion. I do not wish Sir, it cannot be denied that these two truly revivals of the rengion of Christ. church states are immeasurably distant

soever the notion may have arisen that struction which is to work this destructhey are in any way or to any degree tive change, was adopted by a great more competent to rule than other elders majority of the Assembly; that it is ap. rians might fairly be considered the -it is utterly untenable. And seeing it has proved by the leading men and institu- most rabid of all; other might have had been proved already that all church rule tions of the church; that learned civilians hesitation and qualms at the beginning, tremendous panderer to Northern fanat- is in the hands of Assemblies, it follows pronounce it correct; that foreign minicism the more infamous, is the fact, that preachers as such, can have no re- isters have been consulted and have men of the extremest pro-slavery views, rive that power from the fact that they diary, and the penalties of a church disare elders-Presbyters; the very fact turber. It does not remove from my which so palpably contradicts this false- upon which ruling elders rest theirs. path one ray of light, nor shake in my must be Pastor of such or such a church to | ing forms. I have borne much in the a people and a State, discharged our duty to our slaves? Is there not reason to apbelong to such or such an Assembly to endure more. I have stood for the truth, his office as elder, not as minister of the can; make the danger to me and to the by majorities and sheer force. church as imminent as the most cont-These distinctions are impregnably dent of those against me can desire-or the power of the church and of all its king of Babylon beleagured Jerusalem. courts, is merely a ministerial and de- the very prophet who in the face of clarative power; a power to declare the death itself and with the brand of a traiover the souls, the minds, the conscien- of the field that was in Anathoth, and ces of men-a power therefore not ab- subscribed the evidence, and called witfollowers of Christ, and through their Sir, I will take courage from this sublime own act fellow-citizens with the saints. example. Let this Synod say the church the household of faith: it is by the au. ters God's truth. Let the great instituthority of God, but it is also by the con- tions which rule the church—and the fully prepared, which made it impossi- It is the duty of the inferior power to The Government, chiefly by one of officer is to be appointed and every act sert with one accord, that we are a hierarchy and not a free commonwealth: I therefore take it, sir, to be indispu- and I will still lift up my humble voice of the case as understood by the purest if such be the will of God, angry at us Reformed church in her purest day— for our sins, adjudge for a hierarchy ministers not only do not compose Pres. and against a commonwealth; and while

What I Saw in Illinois.

resented by with politics, of the particular churches; and to assert kindly, but was rather recalcitrant; he was nothing which fell from the preachit called upon the other departments to rent and after some time dismissed alto- sorry for her. France also had unfriendly Assembly declared, in the words of that gether. He had a rich man in his con- ends in establishing Maximilian in Mex- eminent Christian peacemaker, R. J. Government Stocks. And every one on his way to the sea, to escape from the solemn duty of the National Govern-The government of the church of God knows that during these last years Gov- country, and the Empress Carlotta was ment to crush force by force." The ernment Stocks have been paramount to insane. The Head of the Rebellion was Church most efficiently aided the "Govthe gospel. This same rich man was re- in prison, and living on the bounty of ernment" in the discharge of this great ported to have in his coffers the price of the Government which he sought to de. duty. It announced that all the interhere or there. This rich man is reputed oppose or meddle with the noble, pious, ed for a sword, unsheathed and whetted, to be a Christian; he is known to be a and God-fearing Northern people. This to do the work of slaughter. It promised Baptist, and a violent supporter of all last is my own inference, but an inference, eternal honor, and some greenbacks (the

poor weekly political paper became the paid advocate of all the reigning meas-The Methodist incumbent took about feelings, efforts, and wants, and distinct. | the same course that all Methodists have Or are they to be ruled by three minis- self with an energy which I have never

like the Baptist referred to above, about

ner is to be saved. minister. He read a composition care- the Synod is below the "Government." ances." Let the General Assembly of the church, pleasure of the carnage, and trample on "Government." Whether the several subordinates, having a better idea of the the interest of the protesta temporale, and constituent members, except as they are windered the wide world. Forty-five Ponministers of the particular churches which make up the Presbytery. Whatever force make up the Presbytery. Whatever force ministers of the particular churches which mext week from Dr. B.'s other speech, infer for himself, from the success which they must support the Religious. The anxious to serve their country. questioning the geological accuracy of Moses. Both are assaults of infidel scithe elect people, and the vast affairs in "Government." It stood by the Gov- so that men who had been accustomed to calamity to reach their own homes.

might with some be a puzzling question its "obligations to promote the integrity loyally, or not at all. It established

people. The exordium denounced the was the lawful Cæsar. It decided that religious department. President and eulogized Congress. Those the withdrawal of the Southern States who had not come up to the standard of from the Federal Union was a "most gift of writing, and has been exercising point as a perfect carnival of the pas. tle for the Union, and—the negro. In a dicated a very fair conception of the ular, so much so, that by request it was sands, listening to the trumpet of the

> solicited to publish it. How long is the Sanctuary to be pro-EXPERIOR.

For the Free Christian Commonwealth The Synod of Pittsburg and its Resolu-

The Synod of Pittsburg, as was stated in a former article, adopted the follow- tion as the decree of Heaven. It gave to himself such importance, when the

standards or in the word of God prohibits church rulers as well as church teachers, and people, with none of whom they hold and may exercise juristended upon the introduction into the gospel ministry that they hold and may exercise juristended upon the introduction of slavery, and called upon any "neighboring minister"—a pastor of the introduction of slavery, and called upon any "neighboring minister"—a pastor of the introduction of slavery, and called upon any "neighboring minister"—a pastor of the introduction of slavery, and called upon any "neighboring minister"—a pastor of the introduction into the gospel ministry that they hold and may exercise juristended upon the introduction of slavery, and called upon the introduction into the gospel ministry that they hold and may exercise juristended upon the introduction of slavery and called upon the introduction into the gospel ministry that they hold and may exercise juristended upon the introduction of slavery and called upon press rebellion in the nation, so we all Presbyterians to "labor earnestly for a different Church-wood and any stand by our General Assembly, the the glorious consummation." The whole vited by the Session of the First Consummation. and from providential causes and should restrain the aport and sho For my part, there is but one course ture of lungs and health, o put man- and will support, her deliverances for -exclaimed, "God has called us to rid does not Moderate? tion simply and exclusively because they which I can adopt. It does not satisfy kind through that stresse process by the suppression of the revolutionary the land of slavery; and "wo to the The right and propriety, and the real tion simply and exclusively because they which I can adopt. are Elders themselves, upon what ground my conscience, to be told that the con- which they assure them they will "get and schismatical teaching set forth in a man that withholdeth his sword from effect of the action taken by the Session religion." The New Section Presbyte. paper issued by the Presbytery of Lou-blood!" isville, known as the Declaration and Testimony."

This resolution, if I mistake not, in- a clear right—as clear as that which has "charged with maintaining the spiritual volves the prevalent heresies respecting been exercised since 1861-to deter- government of the congregation," the the nature, functions, and relations of mine the political questions which are Session was bound to take cognizance of that in connection with it he should lation to such Assemblies that can give acceded to it. It does not deter me, to projecting the Church. The language of the resocite Dr. Thornwell's sermon—a specithem any power to rule, but must dethe division of the connection between the those points relating to the punishment been forced upon us by the division of ingrained principle, a controlling belief, Church and the State: the Synod is re- of rebels, the necessity of guaranties the Synod, and "to concert the best a Puritanic inheritance, the main article lated to the Assembly; and the Synod, from the South, the "basis of represen- measures for promoting the spiritual heart one firm resolve, to have predicted and leading feature of their organization. at the same time, is related to the "Gov. tation," the disfranchisement of whites, interests of the congregation." As the ment with the following which he cites ter at targe, even though he be both teach- defeat and threatened ignominy set be- They are sincerely political, they think ernment." The language implies that and the enfranchise of blacks. It can court of the Church, the Session had ing and ruling elder, as all admit; but he fore me in the most distinct and appall- it is their mission to influence Common- the connection existing between the decide whether Congress is not bound, jurisdiction of all that it sought to dewealths, root out abuses, accomplish re- Church and the State, is a very intimate by the "interests of freedom and hu- cide. forms, model society after their own no- one. The connection between the Syn- manity," as well as by pledges and oaths, The propriety of the action is seen in give him any power there; his member- when fewer stood by me, than I can tions, overturn and trample out every- od and the Assembly is confessedly inship and not his right to preach being count to-day. Make this cause as des- thing that opposes their plans, and es- timate. The connection between the Southern States into "districts," and to tain the doctrines and principles of Presthe immediate ground of his power, and, perate as you please, as degraded as you tablish among us a kingdom of heaven, Synod and the "Government" appears reduce the Southern people to everlas. byterianism, and not to suffer themto be of the same nature. The connecting bondage. It can decide whether selves or the people under their charge, Dr. Chalmers has a noble sermon de- tion of the whole Church with the State, Congress or the President is to be sus. to be led off from the old paths, after manity. The consequences are much established by the very nature and disgraver than flippant speculators about tribution of church power. It is held dread; and still I will take the risk, and the diversity of races are aware of the diversity of the diversity of races are aware of the diversity of races are aware of the diversity of the dive with a universal consent amongst us that with a universal consent amongst us t the human heart; but the new affection of the same kind. They belong to the of these last days works the other way. same category. They belong to the takers of the same flesh and blood with sense of God's word, and to execute it: tor upon him for his fidelity, denounced that the country is in a state of extreme same general system. They are parts of the ground of His right to real state of extreme same general system. They are parts of the door of the wicked city residence. moreover that it is a power strictly and the doom of the wicked city, paid down with such acclamation, by an apostate a whole. The whole is the "Christian peril. Matters quite as segious and dandeem is the participation, not of a like, but of a common nature. Had the hurof the churches; or when it is heard it is comprises many departments—the Exsolute in us—but in God only—and to nesses, and with all precision and forhave been precisely similar to ours, He le exercised by us, simply as a spiritual mality redeemed the spot, it may be, on the Military, and the Religious. The a whit behind the most loyal. Let our mich the military and the Religious. could not, according to the Scriptures, have been our Redeemer. He must be the Session, but for all the members day to the Session, but for all the members of the Session of the Ses deans was encamped: for he knew that houses, and fields, and vineyards would houses, and fields, and vineyards would houses, and fields, and vineyards would house and fields. sermons, able to state plainly how a sin- longs to the Religious department. In of the times—the certain triumph of the the Presbyterian Church, as well as in radicals-let it declare for Congress, determined to "adhere to the Gurley Of all seasons, the Fast Day, was the others, the principle of subordination the dissolution of the Union, and the resolutions." there is a way open for favorite occssion for spreading on poli-has a place. The General Assembly is extinction of the Southern States; and them; they may renounce the jurisdictics. I had the opportunity on the Fast the "Supreme Court." The Synod is our Synod, no doubt, will "stand by" tion of the Session, and form themselves Day in 1865 of hearing a New School below the Assembly. At the same time, the Assembly and its "noble deliver- into another Church.

arise from temporary excitement. It The Synod of Pittsburgh has performed ed the service rendered by the Church. the shape of Peter's-pence, since Septemwas the whole war over again; every this duty. It "stands by" the General President Lincoln, indeed, rather dehearer so disposed could enjoy all the Assembly. It always "stood by" the clined to "run the Churches.' But his thanking him for his kind exertions in over the battle-field without any person- actly "co-ordinate," is not clear. In- promote religion, especially loyal reli- Berlin. looking down with approbation on all other. The Religious department must "visible means of support" or wishing of Rome, he did not make a leap in the attended it all. And then to finish the Church has done its duty. The Pres"Government" transferred houses of pened to the forty-sixth they would neipicture, with a few last touches of New byterian branch in particular, has been worship from disloyal, to loyal portions ther be amazed nor afraid. To shift the brought to Plymouth Rock, at which "Government." The Synod of Pittsburg ters from their pulpits, when it was as- every Christian land. they could not fail to read with all clear. has "stood by" the "Government." The certained that they preached a disloyal Christian statesmen in Europe, or if with-

Our General Assembly, we can say,

formally adopted the "declared policy"

of the President. It listened to the voice

which Providence would use them. It ernment in 1861. It then acknowledged pray disloyally, were compelled to pray whether they were more indebted to of these United States," and promised test oaths, by which the Church, as well Providence, or Providence indebted to the most unwavering and energetic sup- as the other powers, could detect traiport to the "central administration." tors, and prevent them from preaching On the 29th of November last I heard The General Assembly, then and since, disloyal doctrines and encouraging treaanother New School minister, one also as the "supreme court" in one section son. It ordered Provost Marshals to with whose personal acquaintance I was of the Religious department, kindly set- take charge of ecclesiastical bodies, and honored, and who is every way amiable, tled, for the "Government" and the see that no disloyal man should obtain ces are but he is sincerely political. The dis- people, a great number of political ques- a seat, to the scandal of a loyal Church, course was altogether a rare morecau tions. It determined the nature of our and the injury of the Christian state, for the morbid appetite of a demoralized governmental system. It decided who The military department supported the

> For the Free Christian Commonwealth Action of the Session of the First Church.

This action has amazed the strategic this locality, a chord in unison is struck, and the "hue and cry" of "dictation!" is raised. Mr. McKnight made a speech repugnant to the light of nature and the gregation who was largely interested in ico, and now (Nov. 29) Maximilian was Breckinridge, that it was the "clear and on Sabbath last, in which he declared the action null and void, "because Mr. Breck presided, who was not a member of Transylvania Presbytery." He affirms the only result of the action to be, that the four elders who were met in Session, and passed the paper referred

As Mr. McKnight gives himself but little trouble to know what the "Book' teaches, it is not to be expected he should understand much about Presby-The Campbellite preacher, like many of made unavoidable. The whole discourse for the contractors, chaplains, &c.,) to terianism as taught in our Standards; his order, considers himself to have the I could not but regard from my stand- every man who would go forth and bat-First Church, Danville. He is not the for, or contemplate. He is merely invited to supply the pulpit. He is not invitation. The acts of the Session are "stood by" the "Government" from first | no more vitiated by inviting Mr. Breck faned, and the people deceived by these to last, serving it with the utmost zeal to preside, than by inviting Mr. Mcand energy. In 1864, the Assembly Knight: and it cannot reasonably be construed as any want of courtesy to Mr. McKnight, should he fail or refuse of Abraham Lincoln as to the voice of to be present.

God. It regarded Abraham's proclama. Upon what principle can he arrogate its whole voice and influence in favor relation which he sustains at any time "As this Synod has always stood by of the immediate, violent, and bloody to the Session, is precisely that which

are apparent. As the judicatory of the Church, The General Assembly has, of course,

CENTRAL.

The Pope .-- Pope Pius the Ninth has re-

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"He found them Sleeping for Sorrow." Danger to the Church from the Apathy that follows Distress.

We read with amazement in the sad story of Gethsemane, that notwithstand- late. ing the exciting events of "that dark and doleful night," even the confidential disciples whom Jesus selected to witness the agony of his conflict with the powers of darkness and testify it to his watch with him one hour." One only of the Evangelists, "Luke, the beloved Physician," true to the instincts of is moved by the Holy Ghost-assigns the cause of their drowsiness. "He found them sleeping for sorrow," says Luke, just as also, in the true spirit of | Presbyterianism. Says this writer: a Physician, he describes the sweat of Jesus, in the agony, by its analogy with something so familiar in his profession, "His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."

At first reading, this professional explanation of the cause of the apathy of the disciples under the exciting scenes, puzzles us, perhaps, not less than the fact which it explains. We ask in surprise-How could these earnest, confidential disciples sleep under such circumstances? And in not less surprise, How could they sleep for sorrow?seeing that intense sorrow ordinarily has its aggravation in preventing the excited sufferer from a brief alleviation of the mental anguish in the oblivion of

And yet if we notice the effects of great sorrow upon minds whose thought has not yet developed clearly and fully the causes of the sorrow, or traced out the results which must flow from the affliction that produces it, these effects will be found to be just those which the Evangelist describes in the case of these disciples. While sleep forsakes the eyes of the widowed mother, as she "sits gazing in terrible loneliness upon the corpse, "weeping herself to stone," the sorrow-stricken children around her, excited and bewildered with the vague impression of a calamity whose nature and results they cannot comprehendare soon "found sleeping for sorrow." It was, doubtless, this view of their case that led Jesus to say, "the spirit truly ted m is willing but the flesh is weak.

And just so in the spiritual years have pastors been shocked at such utterances as these-"I have lost all seems no longer of any use to pray." a covenant-keeping Saviour.

From our position, at the centre of an effort for the relief of the suffering and poor of Christ's household, we, perhaps, are compelled to notice more of the evidences of apathy among Christ's people than others. But the impression grows upon us, day by day, that the greatest danger that now threatens the Church and individual Christians in many sections, arises from the apparent plied to God's forgiveness for Christ's remedy whereofapathy which seems to succeed the extraordinary and long continued tension sake overturn the very foundation of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; That so far as respects all the powers vested by of feeling during the period of excite- in the soul that very same narrow bar- law in the Synod of Kentucky over and ment and suffering which has now meas- gain-driving condition, making Phariurably passed away. And just now when the Master's cause most specially needs rebuked; and which our Church rebutheir watchful sympathy, the disciples ked in 1837, in condemning the New tucky, computing all as members who are found sleeping for sorrow. Even England moral government theories were members at and before said division, those who once were ardent in their at- which presented God as sitting on the Kentucky Synod of the Presbyterian tachment, and in the midst of real dan. throne, and conducting his scheme for Church. ger could say-"Though I die with thee | the elevation of the race in the spirit of yet will I not forsake thee," as if ex- a New England "school marm"? struggle.

Christ who have gone so far through the oweth thee, I will forgive thee the ten courts must reach circuitously, after unaffected by anything not its own act, tion and actual vote of a single member,

The Ethical Spirit generated by the

which though not marked by any par- religion. ticular ability, is yet significant as showing how inevitably the New England his profession, though speaking as he ethical religionism follows the New Eng-

ead. The first item that met my eye, was an editorial article on the theme Forgiveness-the Duty and Conditions."

orgiveness is to be granted. It is an athe "and if he repent," as the condition of forgiveness. The only feature of the moral of cherishing hatred and a desire to do evil to our enemies, we are to cherish a quality of their actions. Forgiveness supguilt of a wrong and sinful act, we cannot changed in the wrong. It would be tolerating guilt and sin without any conscious sense of disapprobation, which is a whole property controversy. thing impossible, save in the unregenera-

Now, every well instructed evangelirighteous' do, in the case of the fully as against an evangelical religion—developed christian experience, but whether as developed in the Jewish or any time to withdraw from a congregative to dispute the general accuments of the fully as against an evangelical religion—power of any unprincipled faction, at regulating and the statute seems to put to the apostate body and the statute seems to put to the apostate body and the statute seems to put to the apostate body and the statute seems to put to dispute the general accuments and the statute seems to p rouse the spirit more and more to watch and pray and advance it heavenward, in these criticisms upon the North-Westthese afflictions often have the affect upon the Presbyterian. With all this parade property in proportion to their num
the imperfectly developed (the crimes and the opin of the crimes affect upon the property in propert of sinking the spirit, first into doubt theory of a conditional forgiveness; and be pronounced unconstitutional by the preme Court, in the famous "Presbyte- and, to legitimate the separate organization of its rival, in contravention, as it and despondency, and then into spiritual this arrogant assumption of a right to courts, on the ground that it is a legis- rian Church case" in 1838. It will be drowsiness and utterapathy. How often settle the question of guilt for other lative interference with vested rights. remembered that the ground taken by ent, would require the presentation of a very urgent emergency. At the stated my religion, if ever I had any." "It ever comprehend the force of the Apos- conspire against the very principles and tion of the body was vitiated by the as-"What now has become of the doctrine er, even as God for Christ's sake hath ever this may be, it seems to have octhe righteous shall not be forsaken, nor ers of God as dear children." For observe the Legislature on the subject might Gibson's decision before him at every who could be entitled to vote, including extremity of sorrow sinks some Christ- it—"Forgiving—that God may forgive much trouble by taking away from the in mind at all) he could not have pro- by the Chair, but by the mover himself; ians into dull, desponding apathy; while you." But because God hath already foreign Jacobins the temptation to try, ceeded in more entire accordance with after which, the seceding party elected a the same sorrow has but brought out in forgiven you. If you have had a true by pettifoggery, to evade the settled what the highest judicial authority has withdrew leaving the other party to finish others a grandeur of faith and trust in sense of his forgiving love, that will principles of Kentucky law on the sub- already pronounced to be the true prin- its process of organization, by the choice the midst of darkness and calamity, prevent your hard dealing with your ject of church property. Hence we find, ciples and proper mode of organizing which nobly attests the faithfulness of brother. Neither again is it as ethical among the proceedings of the Legisla- the Synod. And if therefore he took the larity, it is urged that the constitution as the brother repents-but as God for posed Christ's sake hath forgiven. Suppose An Act concerning the Synod of the Pres. God had arranged to forgive only as you byterian Church in Kentucky. insist upon arranging for the forgiveness ion or schism in the Synod of the Presbyof your brother, when you repent prop- terian Church in Kentucky, and each of erly, sufficiently? Who then would be the parts of said division claim to be the saved? Did God wait till you repented? only Kentucky Synod of said Church, and as such, each claim the exclusive Or was it God that "granted repentance control of the election of trustees of Cenunto life?" Does not this theory, aplonging to the Kentucky Synod. For

hausted under the long continued ex- According to the theory of this writer tute a minority, shall have the right of citement and darkness, are now found in the Banner, and the ethical religionsus spake in answer to Peter's inquiry, or legal rights. A cold and soulless infidelity, or a "Lord how often shall I forgive"? hereafter given by the General Assembly Christless fanaticism in view of this sleep | should not have run—"His Lord first of the Presbyterian Church of the United "Behold the proof of their hypocrisy or and after that the ungrateful wretch Kentucky Synod, shall have no effect their delusion." Jesus, though best en- played the shylock toward his unfortu- upon the rights of the body composed of ogetically-"The spirit truly is willing | should have run on this wise. His Lord and legal rights aforesaid. thy, to one more vigorous effort to enter thousand talents, but on condition that it seems to us to carry common sense have transpired in the recess of the body people of Christ and the Churches of vant and forgive the hundred pence he directly the same results which the only recognize the Synod as it was and is,

ree Christian Common wealth dark night of sorrow, may speedily thousand talents." But not so. His much litigation, as the law now stands and leave the question of membership to sustained by the constructive votes of all papers in the West, or they should be dark night of sorrow, may speedily thousand talents." But not so. His much migation, as the law now stand the rest; and though such an enterprise supported. It is unreasonable to expect arouse. The gleam of the torches of Judas Lord freely forgave, and without a hint and as the Synod of Kentucky now be decided by the body when it should the rest; and though such an enterprise supported. It is unreasonable to expect the would, therefore, call may never be attempted it shows the and his band may soon be discovered of conditions; and rebuked the selfish- stands. And therefore, with our pres- the roll according to the official rolls of danger of resorting to a conventional their support to come from the East. among the olive trees. The spiritual ness and ingratitude that could be stir ent light, we should be very glad to see the Presbyteries furnished to the last rule, when the body is to be resolved It must be from the West or nowhere. among the olive trees. The spiritual ness and ingratitude that could be stire ent light, we should be very glad to see

atmosphere is already very heavy. In
red up to no noble generosity by such the bill pass. It will, beyond doubt, Minutes of the Assembly. He announced and conventions to be superseded by the iquity abounds. The love of many waxes an exhibition of mercy. The lesson to save a vast mount of litigation, and that he would now proceed, and requestcold. Zeal for the truth of Christ wanes. Peter is "How often—thou askest?" strife, and bitterness of feeling among the names. Dr. R. J. Breekinridge said the chair, even if he were removable at All this while we "are sleeping for sor- Why, Peter, the fact that thou canst our people, and do at once that justice he protested against this whole procedure. the pleasure of the Commissioners, would ern before they give them support. The row"! Soon the Saviour may say "sleep ask such a question shows that thou to all which must at last be done, by Dr. E. P. Humphrey, in justification of the on now and take your rest;" the golden hast not yet properly appreciated the the courts of the Commonwealth. moment is passed: rousing now is too generous love of God to thee a sinner? If, however, it shall appear that such od, which requires "that previous to each them; nor was he answerable to them ment and improvement. Howbeit, the the Ethical Spirit generated by the Jacobin theories of the Church.

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We have never troubled ourselves poses guilt. There is no room for its ex. there might occur instances of tempoercise unless there is guilt, If our minds rary hardship and injustice. But we therefore, are properly affected with the have been persuaded from the first that, er upon the flimsey after-thought, it ocbanish the feeling consequent thereto on a calm investigation of the whole curs to us to lay before our readers the while the offender is impenitent and un matter by wise and disinterested judges, there could be but one result to the the Minutes of Synod, prepared on the

all Christian must perceive that the tion there would be some annoyance; which we presume even the members of paragraphs from Judge Gibson's decispeoples's consciences, every well in- Since those who contributed to acquire the New School was precisely that taken time and place for the opening of the structed Christian feels that this is not the property could not have intended it by the Kentucky apostasy now against the spirit of the gospel. Did this writer for the use of those who might thus Mr. Breck—namely, that the organizatle's exhortation, "forgiving one anoth- purposes of the original donors. How- sumption by the Moderator of power to of the Moderator of the preceding session religion will have it-"Forgive" as soon ture this week, the following bill pro-

tion of Trustees thereof, and as respects

Be it further enacted, That notwithstanding said division, all said members of Synod, who since said division constisitting and voting with the body hereby declared the legal Synod, in all questions

Beit further enacted, That any decision minority of said members is the true

Even as God forgave thee—so forgive special legislation unsettles any just meeting of the Synod, the Stated Clerks of the sex their Moderator. However, the stated Clerks of the sex their Moderator. However, the meeting of the Synod, the Stated Clerks of the sex their Moderator. and really althies by any property btained by unjust means.

We observe that the late Apostasy land theories of the Sphere of the Church much about the property question aris- from the Sphere of the Church much about the property questions as whenever the latter make a lodgment ing out of the division of the Synod of willing to plant itself upon the ground by noting the names. The Moderator were prematurely pressed here, is proper what is going on in Kentucky, than in within the enclosures of evangelical Kentucky, though that has been the that the Synod of Kentucky was ipso chief bug bear wherewith our Jacobins facto ed under the order of Assembly Routseconding the motion, that the House MESSES. EDITORS: A copy of the "North have endeavored to frighten the people -the ground which, beyond doubt, sustain the decision of the Moderator. Western Presbyterian," of recent date, came into submission. In the first place, we they interior to stand upon at, and into submission. In the first place, we they interior to stand upon at, and kind errand, as I suppose, of inviting me have regarded the principles involved during, their Henderson meeting. But, all appearance of severe or partial ruling to subscribe. 1 opened and began to as far more important than the property. on sober second thought, as we infer would contrave to his clear conviction as far more important than the property. In the second place, we have an abiding they determined to seek another ground to order, put the motion and take the I faith that law must in the end prove to in the illegal constitution of the Synod vote, if there was evidence of general deread it through, and as I finished, this be common sense, right, and justice; by the Moderator Breck; and according ent. There being no further expression saying came to mind, "A straw shows which way the wind blows." I could not and therefore, the idea that juries and ly some month or six weeks after the of such desire, and Dr. R. J. Breckinridge the twelfth chapter of the Form of Gov. help but think that it was pressing the doctrine of forgiveness, decidedly, into doctrine of forgiveness, decidedly, into rebel service; or straining it hard to meet property out of the hands of their own their Minutes, to "make a history" of rator allowing no further interruptions, the case of those wayward Southern breth- people who have gathered it for their the event to suit the new ground pro- proceeded to call the roll; Dr. R. J. Breck- the capacity, consummated by enrolment, that the Apostles should "begin at Jeen, who, though guilty, expect to be for own religious uses, and give it into the posed to be taken, and publish an ac-However this may be, the article strikes hands of foreign Jacobins or their trai- count of what occurred at the opening not to answer to the call. The following the article strikes man be, the article strikes man be an article strikes man be, the article strikes man be, the article strikes man be The animus of the article conveys the overthrow of the ancient Presbyterian- knowledge of some two or three hunidea that forgiveness among the men ism of Kentucky, has always seemed to dred people who were present is palpanust be unconditional, absolutely. If un- us too preposterous an idea to be enter- bly a garbled account, and utterly unpoint. The cherishing of an unforgiving tained seriously. We anticipated, in- reliable, both for its suggestio falsi and pirit is of course wrong, but that has deed, that by the tricks of pettifoging, its suppressio veri. Their leaders have nothing to do with the condition on which such as those attempted upon the Wal- given it out also that Mr. Breck's proempt to confound the two things. That nut Street Church through the com- ceedings as Moderator, were so utterly if the brother did not desire his name to be done decently and in order. But these Christ has abrogated the moral code so as plicity of the last General Assembly; and contrary to law and usage that no one al, is mere assumption. On this very from the prevalence of the popular er- could possibly have anticipated that he point we find him afterwards putting in ror in the minds of courts and juries, would take such a course. That on acwhich, from the representations of par- count of his illegal and revolutionary code that is abrogated in this respect, is tizan assailants of our system, is led to proceeding, the organization of Synhe unmerciful, the unbenevolent. Instead confound our theory of the unity of the od was null and void, until they organseveral parts of the church under a con- ized with Mr McKee as Moderator. And penevolent love, and do them "good." stitutional league, with the Papal theory therefore they will attempt to make the But forgiveness has to do with the moral of a unity under an infallible head, civil courts believe that they are the true succession of the Old Synod.

> Now by way of putting an extinguishprecise history of what was done, from ground, at the time, (not a month after-Under the statute of Kentucky which ward) which was carefully scrutinized orders a division of the use of property to see that it accorded with the testimoin case of a division of the congrega ny of all the eye and ear witnesses -- and case, it could only have been from their tant a matter as the decision of Judge of the Minutes of Synod-except the

> > Henderson, Ky., October 10th 1866. The Synod of Kentucky met, accor ing to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church, Henderson, Ky., on Wednesday, October 10th, 1866, at 7 o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, REV. ROBERT L. BRECK, from John 29-"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

After the sermon, the Moderator pro-

and with prayer. The Stated Clerkeing directed to call the roll, proceeding ith it in an unusual order and omitting he names of a large majority of the memall the roll of all the constituent mems and churches of the Synod. Declarrdered by the Moderator, in the name of the Synod of Kentucky, to perform this duty which he again refused to do. The Moderator then announced that he was charged | there was no colour of right in the adversleeping at the very crisis in the Church's ists of his class, that parable which Je-concerning said college, money, property, to the organization of the House for buness; that though the Synod was present, its members were unknown until the the decision of the Moderator, would be tion occurs as to duty in the premises. fied they had no right to that building roll should be called; he, therefore, could | no ground for the degradation of the offinot relieve himself by the submission to | cer at the call of a minority; nor could it of his disciples is ready to cry out— freely forgave the ten thousand talents, minority of said members is the true of preceedure. That, in the nature of the vote on a question put unofficially, and but of high expediency. Can Western makes sore complaint that our papers case, in view of the difficulties of any oth. out of the usual course. To all question er course and according to our rules, the | put by the established organ, it is the duty their delusion." Jesus, though best entitled to complain, says kindly and apoltitled to complain, says kindly apoltitled to complain Stated Clerk had refused to call it, and is supposed to have assented beforehand but the flesh is weak." Should not his finding that one of the servants owed We are not learned enough in the there was nothing in our Book making it to the result of the process pre established very kindness and forbearance kindle in one hundred pence to a fellow servant, law to anticipate what objections can essential that this should be done by the to ascertain the general will; but the rule Clerk, since the necessity was put upon of implied assent is certainly inapplicable our hearts a godly sorrow? Should it and this fellow servant owed his Lord be raised to this bill; nor do we know him, he would proceed to call it himself. to a measure which, when justifiable even not win even these desponding and sor- ten thousand talents—called up the who is the author of it, nor what his That, as it was not competent for him to by extreme necessity, is essentially revorowing disciples to rise out of their apa- debtor and said-"Thou owest me ten special purpose was in offering it. But decide concerning the membership of the lutionary, and based on no pre-established Synod, as affected by anything that may | process of ascertainment whatever. into his sorrow. God grant that the thou wilt be generous to thy fellow ser- and justice on its face; and to reach (it being a question not of order, but of organic action, as was done here, might it amounts to a necessity—it amounts to a necessity and to necessity—it amounts to a necessity and to a necessity and to necessity and to a necessity—it amounts to a necessity and to a necessity and to a necessi

ed Dr. Hill to assist him by taking down course of the Stated Clerk, called atten-

The Property Question in the Synod of Moderator Breck and Chief Justice Gib- but as the Stated Clerk had refused to much that the Commissioners might procall the roll, and the Moderator was the ceed to the choice of a substitute without midst? Which know most and print only officer who could organize the House, him; but not if he had entered on the most of our local facts and interests?

Rev. Rr. Douglass moved, Rev. G. H. The Moderator decided that the motion was out of order, but that he might avoid ire for a test of the sense of those presinridge calling on those agreeing with him was expected to be exercised during any rusalem"—begin to know and to act; it and adhering to the General Assembly

present, did not answer to the call of his House was constituted. or enquired whether the brother desired to have his name enrolled?

Dr. Matthews asked if the Moderator bodies, whether legislative or judicial, mentable to think, that many Western did not know him to be a member of the Synod of Kentucky. The Moderator said forget the golden precept—'Let all things them to take an intelligent and decided the brother did not desire his name to be done decently and in order. But these be enrolled, he was not known to the Syn- are merely instances of irregularity which stand; especially in reference to our lo-

House was prepared to proceed to the seems then that an appeal from the de-election of officers.

| Cision of the Moderator did not lie; and | Kind reader—"suffer the word of ex-Rev. S. R. Wilson offered the following that he incurred no penalty by the dis

McRoberts has refused to call the roll of only by the action of the House, which rate people. Synod in the usual manner, for the organ- could not be had before its organization ation of the body, and has assumed to was complete; and in the meantime he himself the right of omitting the names was bound, as the executive instrument of some of its constituent members, there- of the preceding Assembly, to put its or- may be said in favor of the latter or

Resolved, That the Synod now proceed to the election of another Stated Clerk | preceding one, it belonged to repeal it." instead of the said S. S. McRoberts. The motion was carried, and the Rev F. G. Strahan was elected Stated Clerk On motion of Rev. Dr. Hill, Rev. R. Dougass was elected Moderator. Rev. Rober Morrison was chosen Temporary Clerk

Synod adjourned to meet to morrow orning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator. Now compare this with the following

tion of its rival, in contravention, as it minds. certainly was, of everything like precedsession, the parties assembled, without of its Moderator for the session.

Moderator had refused an appeal to the own neglectful ignorance of so impor- roll the names of certain Commissioners who had been unconstitutionally severed, session. It is conceded by the argument, Presbyteries by which those Commissionever implication of assent to the decision fused to speak out, about which it will be necessary to say something in the sequel, tion in the particular instance. It would follow, also, that there was no pretence by any circumstances, for refusing an apers of the first Presbytery selected by peal from his exclusion of those who had not colour of title, and consequently, that lution. And this leads to an inquiry into the constitutionality of the act of ex-

if there were no colour of right in them, their exclusion. But even if their title were clear, the refusal of an appeal from

"To apply it to an extreme case of in-

seem to have been unconstitutional.

tion to the 6th standing order of the Syn- | because he had not derived his office from procure fron the Stated Clerks of the sev- their Moderator. He was the mechanical Stated Clerks of Presbyteries.

The question was asked:—Can the Modent, but refusing to perform his function, erator appoint a Clerk? Dr. Wilson said he might be deemed onstructively ab. Church—papers published a thousand the Moderator had not appointed a Clerk, sent, for constitutional purposes, inso- miles off, or those published in our he was about himself to call the roll, and performance of his task; and the reason Are we not more concerned to know would, contrary to his clear conviction as upon to vote for their Moderator, their to the Lexington Synod, nothing being action is not organic, but individual. the clerks had reported the roll, were supposed it was all right! One clear part of the process of organization, but

entertained previously; for our public The Moderator announced that the change a rule of positive enactment. It allowance of it. The title of the exscinddinance into execution; for to the actual

What now becomes of the new ground worth while to deny yourself, if necesof objection? Is Judge Gibson no lon- sary, to get the means of paying for such ger authority under the new order?

For the Free Christian Commonwealth

the present church crisis, is, to get the Church which is in danger. One body While the "many afflictions of the germs of the whole theory of an ethical since the statute seems to put it in the the apostate body will hardly have the since the statute seems to put it in the sympathy. You owe it to yourself, if or true unity. All will not decide alike, you are only a miserable bachelor-you after the facts are before them; but there owe it to your children, if you are the will be more chance for similarity of head of a family-you owe it to the designation, it is convenient to call the views, and every one will have more sat- whole brotherhood of believers, and the imperfectly developed Christian life of sinking the spirit, first into doubt of spirit

In the writer's locality, two things in the present crisis. prevent many of our people from ascer- 2. You could not do a better thing, time and place for the opening of the taining the whole truth and from taking if gifted with sufficient means, than to a zealous interest in its vindication, see to it that no poor members of the organization of the whole had proceeded One of them is, that, either they take no Church shall be without this means of to a certain point, by the instrumentality religious paper, or take Eastern in pref- information and this help to duty. The erence to Western papers. Both these gospel is to be preached to the poor, that God will defend the right?" "That forgiven you. Be ye, therefore, follow- curred to somebody that a simple act of seen taat if Mr. Breek had kept Judge suddenly chosen, by a minority of those secular paper no man can keep up with knowledge and zeal are to be promoted his seed beg bread?" Thus the very it is not as the ethical religion will have save both the people and the courts step (though we are told he had it not to act well his part as a citizen. A good can command. There is no congregathe exscinded Commissioners. The ques- the history of his times or be prepared through such agencies as the Church. agricultural sheet greatly helps the far tion scarcely, where this means of great mer and the horticulturist. It is equally usefulness does not present itself to those true of religious papers, in our religious who are able to afford it. relations. This, whether there is a full | 3. If you will hear it, give the pref-"In justification of this apparent irregues supply of ministerial effort or not, with- erence to this paper, above all others, out a preacher, such a paper helps to notwithstanding its short comings and Commissioners in attendance, from his decision, which had excluded from the roll the names of certain Commissioners it renders the work of the Church easier sons are intended. But here you find to both parties; gives more concert and the great questions agitated in the as it is alleged, from the Presbyterian more zeal-especially when there are Church thoroughly and boldly discus-Gibson. We extract the first four pages connection by a vote of the preceding decisive movements going on in the sed-true and false Presbyterianism that if the Synods with the dependent Church as now. Considering the variety distinguished-the present duty of the of the information given, the real value people laid open-and considerations dissolved, the motion was one which the of it, and the exceeding cheapness with of infinite moment suggested, both to Moderator was not bound to put, or the which it is furnished, can a Christian direct and stimulate worthy action; be-Commissioners to notice; and that what- family, not in the most abject poverty, sides the fact, that no serious deficiency which ensued, might otherwise be de be said to live fairly up to their interests can be alleged against it on the score of duced from the silence of those who re- and their obligations if they take no re- general church news enough. "Conligious paper? These are truths which sider what I say; and the Lord give thee there was no room for any such implica- have been often told, but none too often. understanding in all things" 2d Tim, 2:7. Another part of the evil complained for the deposal of the Moderator, if in- of is, that some give the preference to deed such a thing could be legitimated Eastern above Western papers. Such tral Presbyterian of last week, the follow. are taken with their superior size, con- ing rather sharp rebuke of the arrogance not colour of title, and consequently, that what else might be reform, would be revolved by the special premiums given silly harangue of over a column as this leads to an invitation. to subscribers, Sewing Machines and the the injustice of the complaints of like. Now, it can hardly be expected Southern papers concerning Zion Churc "The inquiry might be rested here: for that Western papers should compete terian has, under this inquiry, devoted the terian has, under this inquiry might be rested here: with the Eastern in these respects. Grant- more than a column to the case of Zion sary proceedings which were founded on ing to them for the sake of argument, Church. The amount of his article

all the above recommendations, the ques-This is not to be decided by the finan cial feature. It is not a question of money approved this proceeding. patronage? Do not the merchants, me- candid?' chanics, professional men, and laborers dodge the true point. Let him to in our own locality naturally look to us public, how it comes to pass, for support? Do not the schools, church- the claim referred to was re es, and other institutions, at our door, Gibbs, has been allowed to be properly rely on us for their prosperity? sion of what they know doe So do our Western religious papers. The Expediency in the case is so great

Either there should be no religious means of saving society!

very motion. For this reason, the choice people to demand perfection in Western of a Moderator to supplant the officer in papers, or even an equality with Eastway to make them better is to patronize "But he was not removable by them, them—to give them the means of enlarge for the decision of the body when pre- New York, or Siam? Six weeks after pared for orgrnic action, which it cannot be before it is fully constituted and under the presidency of its own Moderator, met with some church members who took the Moderator of the preceding session an Eastern paper, but did not know being functus officio. There can be no occasion for its action sooner; for though there had been any division! And when Dr. Mason's motion and appeal, though said and nothing being known, they liberate or vote before his name shall this an evil under the sun? If it was fit have been enrolled; it follows not that the choice of a Moderator; and more is not fit that we should reverse the rule

After six years earnest and incessant Many instances may doubtless be discussion of the great facts and the found among the minutes, of motions great issues before the Church, it is lanave passed sub silentio, and which cannot cal interests in Kentucky. "Let there

hortation." Peradventure you should WHEREAS, the Stated Clerk, Rev. S. S. ed Commissioners could be determined be one of God's ignorant and inconside

1. Take a Western in preference to an Eastern religious paper-no matter what Assembly, and not to the Moderator of the against the former. Inform yourself about the present controversies. It is information. Don't fall below the standard of your duty, and the demands of the "Israel doth not know; my people doth not consider." Is. 1:3. times, by indulging the idle dream that all will be right without your hearty and One of the difficulties meeting us in intelligent co-operation. It is your view of vows made and duties imposed

A SHARP REBUKE .- We find in the Con-

"Is it Candid ?"-The Western Presby that the Freedman's Committee at Pitts burg, atter a full examination, were sacis and expressly relinquished their claim and that the General Assembly express should after all this be blaming their interests be promoted without Western committee or church, and asks-"Is

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"The Associate Reformed Presbyterian." We have received the first number of this paper, published at Due West, South Carolina. It is edited by Rev. J. I. Bonner, for many years editor of the Due West Telescope. It is the organ of the Synod which name it bears, and is under the complete control of that Synod We may be mistaken, but we think it was a mistake for the Synod to assume control of the paper. It must cripple the editor, having always to speak in the name and by the authority of the Synod; and he must be possessed of more wisdom and prudence than ordinarily falls to the lot of man, if he can please all parties in the Synod. We fancy we can see the difficulties under which the editor labors in all his columns. We wish him and the church which he represents abundant success.

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And the arrangement of the Commenmethod.

Dr. Philip Schaff, again, by arrangeny, but also of that of the most recent as Bushnell's "Vacarious Sacrifice." British and American critics.

y and must be received as such. Hence | closures of the Covenant. rough its criticism on the text will meet trail and especially its homiletic expo. his class arises not from any rigid, sitions may strike them unfavorably at narrow notions of orthodoxy. Neither first, particularly if their ideal of homi Dr. Lange, Dr. Lechler, nor Dr. Schaff, letic exposition has been fashioned after come up to our notions of orthodoxy; the conceptions of Pool, or Scott, or Dod. but they stand upon that broad platform dridge, or Henry, or Barnes, or Jacobus, of catholic evangelical faith which honor Hodge. These German preachers estly seeks to know the mind of the have a method of "Practical Observa. Spirit, not to find glosses for false tions" on the sacred text which would theories. amaze the pious Dr. Scott; their concep- The Rev. Eli B. Smith of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, writes us under date of shee would startle Doddridge; and even January 14. them and to furnish them with opin- to Christ, with new devotion.

reetly into a sermon fashioned after the find in this Commentary what they are looking for.

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cerning the word of God for the instruct-

But this general disquisition has left us little space for remarks on the particular volumes which have given rise to them. Of Dr. Lange's Commentary on Mark, which forms a portion of volume 2d, we need only say that it is fully equal, every way, to his Commentary on Matthew which formed volume 1st of the series. The translation is borrowed from the Edinburgh edition and revised by Dr. Shedd. It is therefore without the additions from Dr. Schaff which so extended the Commentary on

If we felt at liberty from so slight an examination to express a comparative We deem it worth while to give our judgment, we should pronounce Dr. Van readers some account of this new and Oosterzee's Commentary on Luke supeand Mark, especially superior for practical use by English-speaking students. We have had occasion to examine particular passages in the Gospel of Luke, with Dr. Van Oosterzee as our guide and we are free to say we have seldom enjoy ed a commentator so greatly. There is a ring of accomplished scholarship, of clear, manly thought, and of genius with its suggestive power, that any inseveral eminent men of the same general | telligent student must enjoy, by reason

So far as we have been able to exampervision by way of giving unity of plan | ine it, we have found Dr. Lechler's Com mentary on the Acts, with the homiletical additions of Mr. Gerok, and Dr. tary is such as to facilitate still further Schaffer's additions from American ex the combination of the thoughts of many positors, fully equal in ability, and not minds in the illustration of Scripture. less interesting and full of vigorous life, The exposition is three-fold; under the than the previous volumes. This leeds heads severally of Critical and Exeget- us the more confidently to anticipate ical; Doctrinal and Ethical: and Hom- that the successive volumes covering iletical and Practical. And it is under- the entire Scriptures will fully meet stood that the Expositor shall avail him- the public expectation. Drs. Lange self of the suggestions of the expositors and Schaff have furnished the public and preachers under any of these three with so high a standard of comparison, heads-the sacred text being arranged in what they have already done, that any into sections to facilitate that Eclectic inferior work would now at once be recognized and condemned as such.

For ourselves, and for the Christian ment with the German author, associa- public so far as represented by us, we ting with himself Divines of various return thanks to Messrs. Scribner & Co. Evangelical bodies in the United States, for their enterprise in making so large undertakes to translate and edit, with an investment in the interests of cathostill further additions, the German work | lic evangelical Christianity. And this as it issues from the press. By this ar. | we do the more heartily from the fact rangement the American reader has the that we have just as freely scolded at advantage not only of the learning of them for lending the aid of their great Dr. Lange and his associates in Germa- facilities for circulation, to such a work which we cannot regard in any other o prevent disappointment, however, light than as an unworthy trick of litwe should remind our readers that this erary scepticism for gaining admission fundamentally a German Commen- for its masked infidelity, within the en-

We are glad of an opportunity to all expectations in that line, yet its Doc. show that our objection to Bushnell and

Parnes would be puzzled to perceive We have just closed a short season of the logical connection between the text religious meetings, with. we trust, healthand many of the homiletic suggestions ful results. The people generally seemed which occur to a German preacher in much interested in the preaching of the which occur to a German preacher in Word, and night after night attended upon the means of grace. Some who have been cold and indifferent have returned

not unfounded.

gan of the movement for uniting all it is said, he is to receive \$10,000 Churches on the simple basis of accept | Rev. Dr. Stiles has declined the Presiing the Sriptures and the Apostles' dency of the Oglethorpe University, in they are homiletical seem to have been of "Signs of a Coming Theocracy." Let us, we'll pay them, and they'll pay you." 600, fashioned with a view too much to the those who have judged us to be mere The Rev. W. H. Harrison, D. D., pastor lowing specimen of fanatical folly:

God, fought for it, and almost got their the Church .- Luthe ideal, we know. But alas, a bad man's ambition "lost the cause." Cromwell forgot the pledge to the people of God. and we have been these two hundred years and more in getting the huge He was last heard stone up the hill again.

The Union of Church and State as Venetia, and since now seen in Europe, is monstrous, but -though pursued with not apt to pursue a mere phantom. Save about fifty years past of rule in this nation, there had not been a complete sad accident by which the English Bish- Witsius on the Covenants, 3 vols "He whose right it is shall reign" we seen afterwards. bear unlimited swav.

ca been France, we should have been not feel the premature loss of the prelate just where Frenchmen are to-day.

trol here. The Anti Slavery Reformation, culminating in the great Rebellion so untiring. and victory of Freedom, is but the beginning of the working of Divine Truth questions, such as Temperance, Excise, dence, bearing the simple inscription: Sabbath Laws, against which our New York Herald and the Satanic Press. generally growl so fiercely, are triumphs of the Theocratic idea. Conscience is above Constitutions was a great but most unpopular truth ten years ago, now the truth for which Wm. H. Seward and Charles Sumner voted silently and alone in 1850, is the Law of Suffrage for nine-tenths of the present voters. doxology is sung by Wall street gold and the clergy.

It is understood that the Evangelical Alliance have secured Mr. Kenny's serv-

1859, became the Hero of the Nation man Catholics of New York. within a Sabbatical seven years. The view as having a word to say about ru lers. All this betokens that conscience is getting enthroned. Make Conscience Christian, then crown it, and you have a sublime Theocracy.

Rev. Wm. S. Plumer, D. D., has reoia, South Carolina. Correspondents will please note the change.

Rev. Wm. S. White, D. D.-The many as to prevent his preaching.—Cen. Pres.

The following items we clip from the Brooklyn N. Y., which seems disposed to were all in the bedroom of the Empres ventelate much that has been hidden when the Prince Imperial was born! from those who are not in the way of knowing what is going on in The Church.

The High Churchmen are moving for a Diocese embracing Long Island. At the first meeting of the two convocations of the Island, a procession, a la Popish was ty, and Miss Ellen S. Owsley, daughter of E. formed, headed by " the Bishop of New York," and some forty surpliced boys, chanting, after the most approved Papal methods, as they entered the Church.

It is said that \$40,000 was offered by a ertain, or it seems an uncertain individu al, to endow the future Diocese, if Dr. Littlejohn were made Bishop. Surely this question at least was settled, that, while thirty pieces of silver was the price of the suffering One, \$40,000 is the price of of amodern Bishop. Walpole said every man had his price.

Old Trinity in New York, has a tempest brewing. The Rector has introduced the "Processional Hymn," with bowngs and crossings before the altar, as nather step toward Rome, and we know of more than one Vestryman who will not stand it. We do not believe that Trinity is ready to go over to Rome yet. Look out for squalls as the almanacs say, about this time

Bishop Potter has come in possession of a snug "house and home," the donation we understand, of his Low Church admir-Now that he is liberated from obligations to Trinity for the "living of the gospel," we hope his vertebra will stiffen up somewhat by this load being removed.

Baptist Version of the New Testament. - Night Express Dr. N. M. Crawford, known as an able Baptist minister, advises the Bible Union to sell no more of these miscalled corrected revisions, to fall back on the common version, and before they publish another revison, appoint on the Final Committee some man who knows English. and give him an absolute veto on all pro-

posed alterations. Rev. Dr. Burgress, of Portland, Me., has accepted the rectorship of a church in wood of Brooklyn. He has been rector of St. Luke's Church since 1854.

Ten thousand dollars have been offered A BEAUTIFUL COLORED FLOWER PLATE,

be turned into sailors, the Admiralty customers of 1866 without being ordered. having provided a training-ship for the

purpose Nova Scotia. - The Record states that the Bishop of Nova Scotia has dismissed from an important post in the city of Halifax the Rev. J. C. Cochrane who has been forty-two years in orders, and the oldest officiating clergyman in the diocese except one for refusion to preach in his surplice.

Ward Bee her has engaged to write a In the Brooklyn Church Union-or- novel for the New York Ledger, for which

creed-we find the following deliver- Georgia, to which he was recently elected, ance, incidentally foreshadowing the An editor logically nudges his delinpurpose of the more fanatical Protestey desperately bad, but our creditors do,

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theorists and alarmists, ponder the fol-theorists and alarmists, ponder the folthat city. He has been the pastor of posed more and more to eschew the older we grow. Preaching, as ordained by Christ in his Church, is such exposition with the congregation for twenty one years, and by his faithful untiring efforts, raised from an obscure mission point to one of the most influential congregations in

Father Gavazzi, -1 Gazette states that has disappeared in being present wit time no inquiries the utmost dili there is a great Truth at the bottom of gence-have been successful in discoverall this endeavor of ages. Sound mind- ing his whereabouts. A subscription has ed men for centuries of contention are cuting a search for him. Death of Bishop Cotton .- Late foreign

separation of the Church and the State op of Calcutta lost his life. It appears he in any portion of this footstool. True, was going on board, in the dusk of evengreat light has come to this separation, ing, the Lieutenant Governor's yacht but it by no means follows that all the Rotas. A man was preceding him with a Fathers were fools. Unconsciously it may be, but as sure as the promise and the current strong and he was never have been all this time moving with Dr. Cotton's death has excited the deepimmen e velocity toward a government est feeling in India, in all Christian dewherein the truths of the Word of God nominations, and beyond them, even Jefferson's ideas of government were noble spirit, as Dr. Duff, and many others will testify. The testimony of the Governor-General is well merited: "There is Christian Church by the Apostles, 2 that Natural Truth or Human Reason ernor General is well merited: "There is should furnish the thoughts which were scarcely a member of the entire Christian to control the people. Had Ameri- community throughout India who will as a personal affliction. It has rarely Reason reigned in Paris. Christ in been given to any body of Christians, in growing measure has been gaining con- any country, to witness such depth of learning and variety of accomplishments, combined with piety so deep, and energy

Monument to Dr. Wayland .- A plain and massive granite obelisk, of commanding upon the public conscience. Every act height and just proportion, has been erectof legislature upon moral and religious ed in the North Burial ground at Provi-

FRANCIS WAYLAND, Born March 11, 1796. Died September 30, 1866. "Faithful unto Death." "I will give thee a crown of life.

A Convert .- At the congregational pray r-meeting of the Clark Street church, Chicago, a Roman Catholic priest, Rev. Father Kenny, of Dubuque, arose and formally renounced the Rom- 6th, 1866. ish faith, in regard to which his mind had Conscience it is true is human, but the been agitated by doubts for some time leaven of gospel truth works powerfully past. He stated his reasons for this of late. "In God we Trust" now free- change, and produced sntisfactory crely circulates on our very coin, and the and the clergy.

on. The Martyr of Harper's Ferry, in ices for missionary work among the Ro-

Accession to Methodist Churches.—The slave of the same period bids fair to Southern Methodist papers abound in resomewhat peculiar Evangelical Commen- rior to those of Dr. Lange on Matthew reach the Gubernatorial seat and Senate ports of large accessions to the church in pefore the unpardoned rebel of an un- various parts of the country. The Nash holy attempt to destroy the Nation, and ville Advocate, reports from different cir. Life and Campaigns of Lieut. Gen. Thomeven poor, helpless women comes in cuits, seven hundred and seventy; the Richmond Advocate, nearly one thousand the St. Louis Advocate, three hundred and fifty; the New Orleans Advocate one hundred and seventy five.

During the recent sickness of Count Baciocchi, the Empress Eugenie sent, with a desire that it might be hnng at the head of his bed as long as he was ill, a moved from Pottsville, Penn, to Colum- reliquary described as "the most precious jewel in the crown of France:' casket containing a piece of the linen of Jesus Christ-a piece of a veil belonging to the Virgin Mary—a remnant of John friends of this venerable brother will re-gret to learn that his health is still such of Charlemagne, containing two pieces of the true cross,-and a fragment of Charlmeagne's right arm! The French papers "The value of these relics is enor-Church Union, a new paper published in mously enhanced by the fact that they But still, the Count died.

MARRIED.

In this city, at the residence of the bride's father, on the 10th inst., by the Rev. Stuart Robinson, Dr. THOMAS SANDERS, of Shelby coun-B. Owsley, Esq.

In the Second Presbyterian Church of this city, on the 3d inst., by Rev. Henry Keigwin, Mr. John A. Elliott and Miss Sur J. Keigwin. In this city, January 8th, by Rev. E. P. Humphrey, D. D., Mr. Goldsborough Robinson and Miss Mattle N., daughter of Wm. Prather,

On the 25th ult., by Rev. S. H. Wallace, a the house of the bride's mother, Mr. WM. F. BECKETT and Miss MARY E. BAILEY, all of Belmont county, Ohio. In Covington, Ky., Tuesday, Dec. 11th, 1866, by the Rev. J. M. Worrall, Mr. S. D. J. Lewis, of Knoxville Tenn., and Miss Nellie W. Ar-

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Of Mr. Ditzler's volume on so lofty a tive, but to disobey its ordinance, or betheme, it would be still more unfair to tray our consciences and the truth as judge on slight examination. And this we believe it. If we are cast out for the more so, since, while feeling strong bers, does that prove that we have brosympathy with his views of the spiritual- ken any purpose? Or, will our separaity of the church, our views of the philoso- tion from the Assembly necessarily in phy of her history must be the reverse of volve our separation from the Presby Mr. Ditzler's in almost every other point terian Church? But these brethren of view. We are Churchmen; Mr. Ditz- say we are not cast out, and will not be ler is a Latitudinarian on the church but of our own accord have gone out;

For the Free Christian Commonwealth. Dr. Humphrey in Central Kentucky.

No. 4. The kingdom of Christ is so dissimilar from all the kingdoms of the world, cession of the Synod will be left for a fuin its origin, its nature, its means, its ture treatment, when I propose to show ends, and its destiny; it is so foreign -1st, that we are not responsible for from human wisdom and human device; it is so peculiar in all that relates to it, sembly-that so far as any exists we are and so exceeds the comprehension of in process of being cast out by that body. the natural man, that the greatest care 2d, that we are not responsible for the and Christian jealousy are needed, lest division of the Church in Kentucky, and it be obscured and perverted. There is in 3d, that we are the Synod of Rentucky, us, at best, such a natural tendency, in its regular constitutional and historiand sinful propensity, to confound the cal succession. For the present there high claims of religion with mere world- are some preliminary points, which call ly morality; to bring down the kingdom for a brief consideration. These seceof Christ to the level of mere human ding brethren speak of the Presbyterian institutions, and to pervert the sanctions | Church and the General Assembly, as if of religion to the propagation of mere they were equivalent terms. The Ashuman dogmas, that the greatest watch- sembly is not the Church, nor is it an fulness is required lest the ark of the essential element of Presbyterianism. Lord be carried out of the city, and Dr. R. J. Breckinridge expressed con-He be provoked to "deliver His strength cisely the doctrine of the Old School into captivity, and His glory into the Church, as to the character of the Asenemy's hands." The great danger, sembly and the nature of its powers, against which we have perpetually to when, in 1834, he said: "The General guard-the rock on which churches Assembly is a purely delegated body; have more than once been wrecked-is possessing powers limited and strictly the confounding things which God has defined, intended to answer purposes separated. Romanism is a, standing plainly declared, and capable of being memorial, a perpetual warning of the destroyed without infringing upon one ruin, the utter subversion of religion, single principle of Presbyterianism. It by the disregard of God's purpose and is created by the Presbyteries, a certain appointment as to the sphere and mission proportion of which may enlarge, cur of the church. And it is precisely in such tail or abolish it, and all its powers at circumstances as those through which will, We have appealed to the Presby we have passed, and are now passing, - teries and Synods as the creators and adwhen every influence is called into con- visers under our constitution, of this tribution to serve the ends of political Assembly, whose satellites claim for it zeal and ambition, -- that the danger is omnipotent power to do wrong." Now, most imminent, and solicitude and vigi- if, according to the theory of these breth-Sance most imperative. At such a time ren, the Assembly is the Presbyterian as this, with the teaching of the Scrip- Church, is not our habitation a very ture and the lessons of history before frail and temporary structure? If the us, nothing seems to me more adapted Presbyterian Church may be destroyed to lead the church astray, to bring dis- without infringing upon one real princiaster upon it, and to destroy its spiritu- ple of Presbyterianism, it is not founded ality, than this theory of "mixed sub- as we have been taught to believe. No, jects" as advocated by Dr. Humphrey. the Assembly is not the Presbytarian It utterly confuses the distinction be Church. And such a mode of exprestween Church and State; between the sion, such a confusion of terms, would Christian and the citizen; between grace never have been employed, had not the and social morals, and it confuses the Assembly set at naught the authority of minds of men. It is a theory incom- the constitution of the Church, and patible with the independence of the trampled down our great ecclesiastical Church and of the State, as sovereign-charter. If the Assembly overrides the ties, each within its own sphere. If the limitations which the express provisions State has no jurisdiction of a man as a of the constitution place upon it, if it Christian, the Church conversely, has transgresses the prescribed bounds of no jurisdiction of a man as a citizen. its jurisdiction; if it infers and assumes The Dr's theory is largely exemplified to itself some unexampled powers, then in history, but it is founded in principles some adequate method of its justificawhich are at war with the religion of tion must be devised. Thus has the

Our Confession of Faith, teaches that is the Presbyterian Church; having all "Synods and Councils are to handle or power as such at its discretion, to make conclude nothing but that which is eccle- or unmake its constitution; to observe siastical; and are not to intermeddle or to pass by the express provisions of with civil affairs which concern the Com our ecclesiastical law. It would be sufmonwealth." This we understand to be ficient evidence against the doctrine, a prohibition of the very mixing of sub- that such an exigency had called it jects, and consequent mixing of juris forth. The theory which we holddiction, which the Dr. pleads as the and which is the real Presbyterian thejustification of the acts of the Assembly. ory-places the Church on a far more

He tells us, however, that in any ease solid and enduring basis. That which -whether the Assembly has rightful essentially constitutes and characterizes jurisdiction or not-we have a protect the Presbyterian Church, is its system tion of conscience in the right of pro- of doctrines and principles. In the detest and remonstrance. This is precise- velopment of these its history may be ly what we claim and now are exercising. traced through the ages past, and by But when he further states that "nobody these it may be identified through the has attempted to silence our remon ages to come. They are of the Presbythat "no man has been terian Church who hold these doctrines abridged of his freedom of speech," we and principles, whether they be few or are bound to take issue with him. So many. They who forsake these docfar from this being the case, before we trines and principles, whether they be a are through with these matters, we ex- minority or a majority, forsake the Prespect to consider some most unexampled byterian Church. Read how those earnmeasures, which have been enacted for est men spake, who struggled thirty the very purpose of silencing remon- years ago, for these doctrines and prin that this much is true.

The Dr. did not advocate, in this ad- untarily leave the Church, whose formudress, such notions of the Assembly's laries they love and revere? And how supremacy as would annul all right of can they be chargable with schism, who private judgment and conscience. He preserve these formularies inviolate? is understood to have once said, "the And even should they be cast out by General Assembly is the Church of the excited wrath of those who have powers and unlimited jurisdiction; these standards with them—they will what it commands must be obeyed still be the Church, founded on the when it commands you are bound to Prophets and Apostles, Jesus Christ submit or leave its communion." He being chief corner stone." If it was now tells us, "if the Assembly does what true then, why is it not still true, that you think is wrong, say so like men." those who rally round the standards of press our minds fearlessly and honestly, are entitled to be regarded as the Presand stand firmly to our convictions, then byterian Church? It has been abunhave done, and all that has been done, are contending for the settled and timeas evil. He explained that in respect white we maintain our standards in the dences of a true faith, &c.

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of the constitutional and historical suc-

of the Assembly as give us no alternathat we have separated ourselves both from the Presbyterian Church and from the Synod of Kentucky. It will be seen from the evidence of the truth and of the facts, that in this they are grievously mistaken. These questions with that

self-denial. the separation between us and the Asany society however excellent.

misery. Nothing but the warm heart, shown in active sympathy, in personal acquaintance and friendship, will ever touch the hearts of others, and win that large class in all our cities whom we wish to reach and to save.

The great revival in Newcastle and Donegal Presbyteries under the preaching of Blair and Whitfield.

We select from a Supplement to the Home and Foreign Reccord, the following account, first from Rev. Samuel Blair to Rev. Mr. Prince of Boston, and secondly from Whitfield's journal of the revival in 1840:

doctrine been sprung that the Assembly strance, and suppressing the right of ciples. Said Dr. Engles, referring to their adventuring themselves upon and manuals of devotion to supplement the Old School men: "They have reacquainted with the "ipso facto" decree solved to rally round the standards of their expectations of life by him, and the British press is teeming. Hence, of the last Assembly, to understand the Church, and to cling to them to the that neither were they to obtain or seek among us, the "Book of the Hour,"

Free Christian Commonwealth to these matters the history of the Syn- obvious and settled meaning, we cannot be chargable with any purpose of leaving the Church. "JAY."

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We find in an article of the New York Evangelist of January 10th on the "Evangelization of London"-the following very suggestive thoughts touching an individual Christian effort as distinguished from work by proxy. We commend it to the special attention of our Christian people in large towns:

How then were they as practical men to deal with this state of things? How were they as Christians, not of one denomination, but of every denomination, to reclaim the perishing multitudes around them? Paid agency alone would not do it. The pulpit alone would not reach the masses. The City Mission had failed to accomplish what was expected of it; for Sir Fowell Buxton, who was one of its most liberal and warmest supporters, had said a short time before he died, that he believed London was in a worse condition spiritually than it had been for forty years before. And he believed that many Christians had been led by that Mission to compound with a noney payment for services which they ought themselves to have rendered, and which could never be delegated to others with impunity. Money was needed, and paid agency to some extent they must have; but until Christians were endued with the self sacrificing spirit which led the Moravian missionaries to enter the lazar-house with the certainty that they would never come out again (for that was the law,) and there seek, at the expense of their own lives, to save the nopeless victims of disease, they would never bring the world to the rule of Christ. Happily, they were not called on to make any such sacrifice; but that only increased their responsibility, and the work before them was still one of

and Mr. Cross.

give up the ghost.

Every Christian has a personal responsibility in this matter which he cannot delegate to another, nor transfer to

Societies have their proper place in all benevolent schemes, but they have been indirectly a means of injury in taking away the sense of individual responsibility, many persons devolving ipon them and compounding with them y their gifts, for their own personal abors. This we believe holds true of every society in England and in this country. It is the doing of our work by roxy that has been the bane of the hurches; and this has had very much to do also with the low standard of piety of most Christians. We have long had ittle faith in any plan for evangelizing he masses of our cities, whether set on foot by a society, or by single churches, that does not contemplate church members coming into personal contact with the misery they would relieve, and the rreligion they would remove. There ever has been a time when bands of Christian men and women from our old. and wealthy churches could not have gone forth and planted the institutions of religion in the needy portions of this required, is to have the spirit which will them willing to identify themselves with these incipient org inizations. They may give their millions of money, and support their thousands of paid agents, and remain in their ceiled houses, and their gorgeous churches, and the poor and the rreligious will go down to death and

city. All that was wanted, and is now en and crying out to God for mercy. I have the talent, we have now the hero-failed to come at that morning hour. raves to judgment.'

Sunday, Dec. 9th.

Our beloved church has been providentially preserved in her formularies f faith, and forms of service, from the influence and the works of this Judaizing and Romanizing spirit. But though this be the character of

our church, as it was settled by the Reformers, and as it remains unchanged in our standards, she never has been free, and probably never will be wholly free-from those whe are still in bond "I appointed, in the spring, to preach age to "beggarly elements," and aniwhen I was at home, and those meet- the days of Bancroft and Laud, they ings were well attended; and at several have constituted a party in the church. my preaching through that summer, in the church of England. You know tendencies and professions. And its was laying open the deplorable state of how extensively this spirit is prevailing effect upon this class of minds, refined, man by nature since the fall, our ruin- there. You know how by a change of and susceptible to emotions from the ed, exposed case by the breach of the policy, it has made fearful advances beautiful and the picturesque, the venfirst covenant, and the awful condition both there and here. Not long ago, by erable and the old is apt to be particuof such as were not in Christ, giving the Oxford tract movement, it aimed to larly injurious. They are prone to the marks and characters of such as bring in superstitious practices, through suppose, that whatever impresses the were in that condition; and, moreover, an argumentative propogandism. Now, natural sentiment of veneration, and laying open the way of recovery in the by the subtler and more effective meth- awakens vague emotions of awe and revnew covenant, through a Mediator, with od of bringing in and multiplying a erence, produces that which is the very the nature and necessity of faith in showy, attractive, symbolism and ritual- essence of religion. Ignorant of the Christ, the Mediator, &c. I labored ism, which are the embodiments of true nature of religion, as the sinful much on the last mentioned heads, that false and superstitious views, they teach soul's awakening to its lost condition, the people might have right apprehen- an essentially Romish system, and insioni of the gospel-method of life and fuse into many minds, an essentially tions of sin, its cry for mercy, its justisalvation. I treated much on the way Romish spirit. I need not occupy fication by faith in the blood of Jesus, of sinners closing with Christ by faith, your time, in bringing proofs of this asand obtaining a right peace to an awak- sertion. They are alarmingly patent ened wounded conscience; showing that persons were not to take peace to themselves on account of their repentings, here to speak of them to day. Hence spiritual experience, and fancy that the sorrows, prayers, and reformations; nor the "Eirenicon" of Dr. Pusey. Hence, luxurious emotions of a gratified taste, to make these things the grounds of the innumerable works upon ritualism peace in extraordinary ways, by visions, the germ of a new monkery. Hence, St. dreams, or immediate inspirations, but Albany's Church, Hence, attempts at by an understanding view, and believ- union with the Greek Church. Hence, ing persuasion of the way of life as re- a Bishop's book upon the law of rit-

"After some time, many of the con- al truth lies smothered and strangled vinced and distressed afforded very and invisible in gorgeous robes and hopeful, satisfying evidence, that the wrappings, could be made to see that it and I was admiring some jasmines, he Lord had brought them to a true clos- results inevitably from a sacramental said to me, "Norman, I have yet a little ure with Jesus Christ; and that their and priestly and exclusive Church theo- treasure to show you; and although it is distresses and fears had been in a great ry! For, apart from directing religious, small, it is great—greater than all these neasure removed in a right gospel-way, and ecclesiastical influences, there is by believing in the son of God. Sever much in our age and country, which asal of them had very remarkable and similates readily and helpfully with sweet deliverances this way. It was such practices as present religion, with very agreeable to hear their accounts, gorgeous ceremonial, and substitutes how that when they were in the deepest for "the beauty of holiness," the supperplexity and darkness, distress and posed holiness of beauty. Of some of

difficulty, seeking God as poor, con- these influences I will briefly speak: demned, hell deserving sinners, the There is a mere vulgar love of luxuscheme of recovering grace through a ry and display, which aids this move-Redeemer has been opened to their un- ment. In our prosperous country, derstandings with a surprising beauty there are many men who grow suddenand glory, so that they were enabled to be- ly rich, and who have no mental cullieve in Christ with joy unspeakable ture, but who surround themselves at and full of glory. . . . They freely and once with all the luxuries and splensweetly, with all their hearts, chose the way of his hommandments; their inflamed designated was to live to him forever, according to his will, and to the glory neeted with it, and result from it. Now which most strangely came to my resuch men are important members of a these meetings, and drew of the vestry, and are apt to be consid- went to bed.

visit to Nottingham and Fagg's Manor. They, at least, occupy expensive pews, "Nottingham, May 14th, (1740). I and contribute largely to the Church. was invited thither by some of the in- Now, such men, as a mere matter of habitants who had a good work begun luxury, and as carrying on life in the amongst them, some time ago, by the same general tenor, love to find everyministry of Mr. Blair, Messrs. Tennents, where pomp and splender, and a rich, sensuous character in all that surrounds "It surprised me to see such a great them. They love it in the Opera-House, pure life upon the earth. Richard said multitude gathered together, at so short the Club-Room, the Drawing Room,

warning, and in such a desert place. the Steamship, and the Church. believe there were near twelve thou- They will at first, not particularly resand hearers. I had not spoke long, gard the fact, that it is ecclesiastical but I perceived numbers melting. As splendor, but only the fact that it is proceeded the power increased, till at splendor. When the music is just as last both in the morning and afternoon, good and as sacred as that of the opera, thousands cried out, so that they al- and of the Bateman Concerts, when the most drowned my voice. Never before dark, richly-dight Chancel, and its did I see a more glorious sight! O white-robed boys, and its priests, in what strong erying and tears were shed vestments that shine and rustle, march and poured forth after the dear Lord about and bow and prostrate themselves, lesus. Some fainted; and when they and keep up an animated movement, had got a little strength, they would and he is reminded vividly of some scene hear and faint again. Others cried out and scenery in an opera, or play house, in a manner, almost, as if they were in he likes it extremely well. It seems the sharpest agonies of death! I think to make all his arrangements of life never was myself filled with greater complete, dignified, and harmonious. power. After I had finished my last dis- It brings the Church into line with all the course, I was so pierced, as it were, and other things in the midst of which he overpowered with God's love that some lives. He, of course, will sustain the thought (I believe) that I was about to Rector and the party that wish this style of things to be continued, and en-"Thursday, May 15. Preached at larged, and glorified; and hearing from ogg's Manor, about three miles from that Rector that the Church, by her Mr. Blair's house; where I was earnest- various instrumentalities, infuses grace ly invited to come by him. And here into all submissive and receptive souls, also the Lord was pleased to cause and being quite sure that the services much of his glory to pass before us. make him, somehow, feel good and com-The congregation was as large as that fortable, it would not be surprising to yesterday at Nottingham. As great, see him soon an enthusiastic advocate

no a greater commotion was in the of this Churchly system, and his daughhearts of the people." Look where I ters scrupulously careful to bow very would, most were drowned in tears. The low at every gloria. word was sharper than a two edged The increase of æsthetic culture and sword.' Their bitter cries and tears taste in our country, also exerts a simwere enough to pierce the hardest heart, ilar influence in the church. The love O, what different visages were then to of art, in all its branches, is becoming to do so. The next morning, and the be seen! Some were struck as pale as a passion in our land. I believe that death-others lying on the ground- our artists of the coming and next genothers wringing their hands-others eration are to be the foremost in the inking into the arms of their friends- world. They are now abreast with and most lifting up their eyes to heav- those that are most advanced. We she allude to the subject. but she never could think of nothing when I looked ic history, we have the wealth, and we One morning I said to her, almost unhem, so much as the Great Day. have the taste for the creation of a high consciously, as she uttered her neverhey seemed like persons awakened by aud ultimately a characteristic and na- failing invitation, "Tell me how Bessie." he last trump and coming out of their tional art. But now, in the first flush She looked at me a moment, and the of this new æsthetic passion, it is somewhat eager and indiscriminating. To thalism in the Protestant Episcopal us, in the new world, the old and the ish words, in which she told the story new in art are both equally novel and of Christ's love! Never, never shall I ract from a sermon preached by the attractive. Mem of taste and oulture Rev. Prof. C. M. Butler, D. D., of return from foreign travel or sojourn, dry when she went away, and there was hiladelphia, at the request of the and remember with vivid pleasure, the Clerical Association, N. Y., in the new and strong emotions awakened by al. And morning after morning she Church of the Ascension, N. Y., and majestic cathedrals, and the solemn the Church of the Messiah, Brooklyn, services, around which were gathered centuries of association, which they witnessed in old historic lands. As a matter of taste, quite apart from a religious feeling, they love to see and to foster anything which renews and freshens these associations. Very often too, looking at them in a single aspect, they return home with theories of the necessity of blending these old-time customs, with our raw and glaring civllization in order to tone it down to a mellower tint. Others again, have learned to depend for the fostering of their real or fancied religiousness upon such forms as little one with eyes closed, and in a sort every Friday through the summer, mated by a Romanizing spirit. From these. Hence, this new movement towards ex remeritualism, is apt to be encouraged and sustained by men of artistic of them the power of the Lord was re- They have sometimes been in the asmarkably with us. The main scope of cendency in numbers and in influence thetic, whether with or without religious

For the Children.

and the vague solemnities of mind pro-

duced by impressive outward forms, are

essential sanctification and salvation.

consecration to his service, and joy in

God's Little Messenger.

As I stepped upon the platform of the vealed in the gospel, through the sure- ualism, with its Jewish sign outside, depot, a hand was laid upon my arm, tiship, obedience and sufferings of and its Jewish wares within. It is a and a voice said, "Norman is this you?" Jesus Christ; with a view of the suita- real and urgent danger. It is com- I turned and looked at the speaker. It so happy now! Now I have all I want! Christ, it is clothed with supreme greater force in numbers, they will take bleness and sufficiency of that mediato- forting to know that many of our Bish- was my old classmate, Richard , with ry righteousness of Christ, for the jus- ops recognize the fact, and are prepar- whom I had agreed to pass a few weeks, come, Lord Jesus!" And the little the exclusively spiritual nature of her tification and life of law comdemned ing a protest against its farther en and whom I had not seen for years be- spirit, so pure, so holy, returned whence sinners; and there-upon freely accept- croachments upon the simplicity and fore. After we had pushed our way ing him for their Saviour, heartily con- dignity of our services. Would that through the noisy crowd, and were seatsenting to and being well pleased with some who now distaste the fruit, had ed in his carriage, I looked at him again turned a soul to righteousness, and was the way of salvation, and venturing not been so fascinated with the blos- and exclaimed, "Richard, how you have called home! If he means by this, that we ought to ex- the Church, and preserve them inviolate, their all upon his mediation, from the soms! Would that some who are now altered! how different now from the wild warrant and encouragement afforded of ready to cut down the tree, had not wa- youth of old?" "Yes, Norman, there God thereinto in his word, by his free tered its roots! Would that many who have been many changes with me since it will be seen this is precisely as we dantly and repeatedly shown, that we offer, authoritative command, and sure reject the conclusion, had not admitted we parted, but the greatest has been promise to those that so believe. I en- the premises! Would that many in here," said he, smiling; and gently touch for which our names are to be cast out honored faith of our Church. And deavored to show the fruits and eviveloped ritualism, under which spiritu- ulation, which elicited no reply.

That evening, as he, his wife and myself were walking in the conservatory, -almost the greatest one I have. Can

you guess?" When we went back to the drawingroom he showed her to me-his beautiful little girl, his only child, his little Bessie! I was not fond of children, at least I thought so, but strangely did that little maiden win her way to my heartmy old bachelor heart! Eight cloudless summers of her sunny life had passed, and had each one, as it gently glided by left with her all its charms, she could not have been more beautiful.

That evening, sweet in memory to me, we became firm friends. She loved me membrance; and then, after she, her

The next day we all went out for a drive, and a delightful one we had. Lit. tle Bessie was as bright and beautiful as the day, but there was sometimes a strange thoughtfulness of expression upon her face, which troubled me as being beyond her years. As I was talking with her father, I said something jeering about Him who had led the only not a word in reply, but motioned me to look at little Bessie. She was gazing into my face with a look of mingled horror and surprise, an expression such as I never saw before nor since, and which I shall never forget. She gazed so for a moment. No one spoke. Never had anything before been able to make me feel that religion was above my scoffing remarks; but as I glanced at that little face, so earnestly endeavoring to read mine, and saw the little maid burst into uncontrollable tears, I felt a certain shame that in the presence of one so pure I should have spoken perhaps what she had never heard before. Then she looked at me in a sort of pitying way, and said, "I thought you loved my Jesus! O, how could you say that of Him?" During the rest of the drive she lay upon her father's bosom in perfect silence, and no one spoke. The next day I was alone in my room

thinking of all that had occurred, and a strange and unaccountable feeling of seriousness was creeping over me, a sort of longing to be like her, when suddenly the little maid was at my side. started as I saw her, and met that tender gaze of love and pity which she bent upon me. Her little hand was laid upon my arm, and for a moment both were silent. Then the silence was broken by the words, "Won't you love my Jesus?" and she was gone. I could not ridicule that lovely spirit, and yet some demon within me tempted my soul next, and the next, the little maiden came in the same way, said the same words, and disappeared. I never answered her, and at no other time did next was seated on my knee. And the words that flowed-those simple, childforget them. My eyes were far from no less of sorrow on her face than usucame, and seemed never weary of tell-

ing the sweet tale, But one morning she did not come I waited a long time, but in vain. No little feet come pattering along the hall. No litttle hand was clasped in mine. No words of instruction were lisped in my ear! Presently there came a hurried knock at my door. It was opened without waiting for permission, and her father was with me. "Norman!" said he, "she has just waked from a long and heavy sleep, and is fearfully ill. Will you come? Tell me if you know what it is." I went. There lay the of stupor. I knew at a glance. It was scarlet fever! How I told those two aching hearts I knew not, but they were wonderfully calm in their anguish. The doctor soon confirmed my statement but there was so painfully little to be done for the dear sufferer, that these two days almost passed by in silence as we three watched over the precious

We knew from the first that she was no longer of the earth, and it was indeed a heavy burden for us to bear, to think that she would no longer be the light of our hearts. I say we, for though I was perhaps mistaken, the little one had so taken possession of my heart, that it seemed to me that she could not be dearer to those who had the first earthly claim upon her affec-

At the end of the second day, her life seemed partially to return and she opened her large beautiful eyes, and smiling a little, said, "Dear mamma! dear papa?" and then looking around, my Jesus? Mamma loves him! Papa are handsome and commodion loves him! And I am going to him, and I want to tell him that you love neighborhood, accessible him. Won't you love him?"

"Bessie! little Bessie!" said I, "tell Him my heart and life is His for evermore, and may my soul some day be as pure and undefiled as hers who bears the message to Him!"

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